

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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NEW DRUG POLICY
ANANT GANGARAM GEETE;ANANTRAO GUDHE

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government are finalizing New Drug Policy to boost up performance of Pharma sector in the context of liberalization and globalisation; and

(b): if so, the details of major policy changes effected so far/under consideration and likely impact thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) and (b): In March, 1999 the Government had constituted a Drug Price Control Review Committee (DPCRC) to review the current drug price control mechanism and to suggest alternate models, if any, with a view to reducing the rigours of price control where they had become counter-productive. Another committee, namely, the Pharmaceutical Research and Development Committee (PRDC), was also constituted in March, 1999 to recommend measures to strengthen the research & development capability of the pharmaceutical industry in the country and to identify the support required by Indian Pharmaceutical companies to undertake domestic research & development. Both the Committees have submitted their reports to the Government. The Government has not finalized its view regarding the policy changes to be brought about in the context of the reports of these Committees.